The students, staff and faculty members, Secretary Scindia Engineering College Society, Er Ramesh Agrawal ji, Wish you all a very happy **72nd republic day**. Though we have been coming to the institution right from June 2020, this is the first time that we all have assembled at one place after the COVID-19.

The republic day is celebrated because the book by which the Indian Republic is ruled, i.e. the Indian Constitution, came into effect on 26th January, 1950, exactly 72 years ago.

"The glory of justice and the majesty of law are created not just by the Constitution – nor by the courts – nor by the officers of the law – nor by the lawyers – but by the men and women who constitute our society.

Today, we all must salute the great scholars, freedom fighters and above all the father of the Indian Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar who have given us an excellent constitution which is inimitable and dynamic.

In today's disruptive world changes are taking place too fast. Be it on technological front or on sociological front... CHANGE has become the NEW NORMAL. This means that for the survival, we all need to change ourselves with the changing needs of the world.

Warning bells are ringing everywhere... Change or become redundant.

The clock is ticking.....Competition is getting harder by the day..

Institutions and its people both need to understand the NEED TO CHANGE.

The NEED TO ADAPT. The NEED TO ACCEPT CHANGE.

Old days and old ways are now losing relevance at a remarkably fast pace...

There is a need to change our teaching methods, our attitudes and our perceptions.

I am very confident that WE CAN DO IT!!

When the world was on back foot, our MITS team was scoring sixers!!

The MITS fraternity has proven its commitment to the institute and its stakeholders during this difficult and devastating period by working very hard. It was a time when faculty & staff of most other institutes were "working from home". But like true warriors and brave fighters, our dedicated staff, defying the corona scare, kept attending to their duties, regularly. For this I, on behalf of the management and also on my own behalf thank each one of you, personally. I don't mind adding at this point that we all were another set of warriors to beat this pandemic.....

The result of our combined hard work reflected in many ways and the institute emerged a leader among its competitors.

The list of achievements during the COVID era is long......

We were the first to declare our results in the state

We were able to conduct all academic activities very effectively during the pandemic times and afterwards.

On-line theory and laboratory classes, mid-semester examinations, weekly quizzes, on-line internships, finishing school, students' projects & dissertations, remedial classes, viva-voce, end-term examinations, six monthly review of PhD students, etc using various digital platforms.

The First Year Induction Programme was also conducted on-line and received applause from one and all. We conducted our regular meetings of the Academic Council and IQAC, framed new policies, started new courses, conducted the admission process etc etc etc.

The MITS family tirelessly worked when most of the world had almost stopped. The procurement of new equipment, establishment of new labs, starting of 5 new programmes were all made possible by the TEAM WORK and joint efforts of all. I will like to repeat the old saying here

United We Stand; Divided We Fall

Corona period has shaken the foundations of nations, societies, communities, corporates, businesses and people; rich & poor. This period will be remembered in the history of mankind... On behalf of all of you, on behalf of MITS, I want to take this opportunity to thank the almighty, the supreme power for sparing us from any big troubles. Our MITS family quite efficiently sailed through this crisis. The credit goes to the devotion and dedication of MITIANS.

TEAM stands for : T: Together E: Everyone A: Achieves M: Maximum

"Quality is not an act. It is a habit." ~Aristotle

Quality is not a compulsion... It is a conscious choice... I am sure MITS and MITIANS, with the glorious history behind us will not like to be second to anybody in the vicinity. MITS will always chose **diligence over laxity**, **flexibility over rigidity** and **quality practices** over a substandard system.

The Bhagwad Geeta says that the "OUTCOME" is not in our control, but "trying our best" can be our goal. And I am very happy to say that we all did our best, in spite of various difficulties, under these crisis conditions.

For ensuring quality we all must work together for improving the branding of the institute. There is a need for people who are committed to quality, who are innovative, who have a strong feeling of belongingness towards the institute, who take initiatives, who have positive mindset & attitude, who are dynamic, who are ready to accept new work, new responsibilities and new challenges.

We all have been entrusted with the responsibility to maintain and enhance the quality of teaching and knowledge dissemination. The times demand that new methods, digital tools, MOOCs, virtual laboratories and other emerging state-of-the-art tools are employed to empower our graduates with skills that will ensure their bright future. We all must pledge once again to fulfill the commitments of a good teacher and live up to the expectations of our esteemed Chairman and the Board. Hence, not to tolerate a compromise with quality.

The institute is committed towards quality. We are committed to establish a great

work culture which promotes Meritocracy over Mediocrity.

एक बार पुनः मैं आप सब को 72 वें गणतंत्र दिवस की हार्दिक बधाइयां देता हूं

Finally, With Freedom in our Minds, Faith in our words, Pride in our Souls..... Let us salute our great nation.

Jai Hind ! Jai Bharat!!